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Attn: Chemical Right-to-Know Program

Dear Administrator Whitman:

On behalf of the Ethanol HPV Challenge Consortium, I am pleased to submit, with this letter, a zip disk containing the test plan, test justification, and robust summary for ethanol (CAS No. 64-17-5).

Because ethanol has been an element of the human diet for millennia, long before it became an industrial chemical, there is a wealth of toxicologic data for this compound. These data, and other information requested by the HPV Challenge, are presented in the robust summary for ethanol and test plan justification. In the opinion of the Consortium, no additional testing of ethanol is needed to satisfy the goals of the HPV Challenge program.

We look forward to the comments of EPA and the public on our submissions. Your staff should contact Ms. Sarah Armstrong at Cambridge Environmental Inc. (617-225-0810) with any technical questions.

Sincerely,

Bob Dinneen
Vice President

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